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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA'S INTERPOL NOMINATION

1. (U) The GOC has requested via dipnote DPM/CAI No. 41746 dated August 2 U.S. support for Jorge Aurelio Noguera Cotes as Member for the Americas of the International Criminal Police Organization (IOCP-INTERPOL) in elections to take place at the 74th General Assembly of the IOCP in Berlin. (Post has faxed the dipnote to WHA/AND and emailed his CV.)

2. (U) Noguera Cotes is Director of the GOC's Administrative Security Department (DAS, approximate equivalent of the U.S. FBI) and is in charge of Colombia's National Central Office of INTERPOL. The dipnote lists among Noguera's qualifications for the position his enhancement of DAS efficiency, leadership in international action against terrorism, and support of the SYG of INTERPOL in coordination of events such as the Amazon Anti-Terrorism Working Group.

3. (SBU) Embassy officials who have regular dealings with Noguera characterize him as pro-U.S. and an honest technocrat, who has provided excellent cooperation and access to Embassy personnel.

4. (U) Embassy has responded via diplomatic note that the U.S. would give full consideration to Dr. Noguera's candidature.

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